## **MEG-MRI**

## **Functional brain imaging reshaped**

The annual cost of brain disorders exceeds 800 billion euros in Europe alone. Functional brain imaging methods, such as magneto-encephalography (MEG), are used in their diagnosis and treatment. However, analyzing the brain activity greatly benefits from a patient-specific model of electrical structure. The structure can be estimated based on anatomical images from another source, but this process involves many sources of error and leads to a laborious workflow.

Approaching magnetic resonance instrumentation in unconventional ways, we have managed to combine two fundamentally incompatible imaging methods, MEG and MRI, into a single device that images brain activity and structure at once. This saves time, reduces errors and enables completely new kinds of brain research. MEG-MRI is expected to improve, e.g., planning of epilepsy treatments and diagnosis of brain tumors



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Research group leader **Koos Zevenhoven** has developed the technology for over a decade and is the world's topmost expert on the instrumentation and physics of this type of MRI.

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SPARK VALUE: We expect the SPARK program to expand our networks, especially among potential customers. The feedback from the mentoring sessions will help us develop our strategy and guide in product profiling.